

HOUSE BILL 277
EMERGENCY BILL

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HB 41/02 - JUD

2003 Regular Session
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By: **Delegate Petzold**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Controlled Dangerous Substances - Penalties for 3,**
3 **4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA)**

4 FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain crimes relating to controlled dangerous
5 substances apply to any amount of 3, 4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine
6 (MDMA); making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to
7 crimes involving controlled dangerous substances.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Criminal Law
10 Section 5-609(a)(9)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2002 Volume)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Criminal Law**

16 5-609.

17 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person who violates a
18 provision of §§ 5-602 through 5-606 of this subtitle with respect to any of the
19 following controlled dangerous substances is guilty of a felony and on conviction is
20 subject to imprisonment not exceeding 20 years or a fine not exceeding \$20,000 or
21 both:

22 (9) [750 grams or more of] 3, 4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine
23 (MDMA).

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an
25 emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health
26 or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all of the
27 members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take
28 effect from the date it is enacted.

